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Dear Sir,

New Patent Applications in Great Britain
and Europe (PM 764 etc.)

Preparatory to the opening of the European Patent Office and the coming into force of the British Patents Act 1977, we are sending to our principal clients appropriate forms of general authorisation which will enable us to file and prosecute patent applications, either in the British Patent Office or in the EPO, without approaching them for individual authorisations on each case.

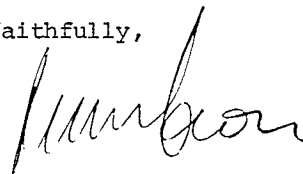
The first application of yours that we shall need to deal with in this way appears to be your PM 764 (Our 21469) based on U.S. Serial No. 805 689 (Sanders et al) where the Convention term expires on the 13th June. We are accordingly enclosing a general authorisation for the EPO, which will authorise us to file PM 764. but we are taking the opportunity to enclose also a general authorisation for use in filing British National Applications after the 1st June.

We shall not be relying on the British Authorisation for PM 764, because Great Britain will be covered by the EPO filing. Neither shall we be using it for PM 748, because we believe that as an extra precaution the latter case should be filed in Great Britain under the old law, i.e. not later than the 31st May. However, if you would return the executed British authorisation at the same time as the European one we can place it on record in the British Patent Office to serve for any future National filings in this country.

We have prepared a circular letter for our English speaking Clients which is being sent out with general authorisation forms. Since this may contain items of information that are helpful to you we enclose a copy.

Yours faithfully,

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